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**H.Res. 159— Expressing profound sorrow on the occasion of the death of Irma Rangel (*Hinojosa*)**

**Order of Business:** The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Monday, June 2, 2003, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

**Summary:** H.Res. 159 has 11 findings regarding the life and accomplishments of the late Irma Rangel, who served for 26 years in the Texas House of Representatives; and resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “has learned with profound sorrow of the death of Irma Rangel on March 18, 2003, and extends condolences to her family;
- “expresses its deep gratitude to Irma Rangel and her family for the service that she rendered to the State of Texas;
- “recognizes with appreciation and respect Irma Rangel's exemplary commitment to public service and her constituents; and
- “esteems Irma Rangel as a role model for generations to come in South Texas and the entire Nation.”

**Committee Action:** The resolution was introduced on March 25, 2003, and referred to the House Committee on Government Reform. The Committee did not consider the resolution.

**Cost to Taxpayers:** There is no cost to the resolution.

**Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules?:** No.

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**H.Res. 195— Whereas Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs hit a home run in the seventh inning on Friday, April 4, 2003, against the Cincinnati Reds at the Great American Ball Park (*Gutierrez*)**

**Order of Business:** The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Monday, June 2, 2003, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

**Summary:** H.Res. 195 has eight findings regarding Sammy Sosa, whose home run hit on April 4, 2003, was the 500th of his career, making him “the 18th player in major league history to reach the mark and the first Latino to accomplish this outstanding feat.” The resolution finds that Sammy Sosa, a native of the Dominican Republic, “has proven to be an outstanding role model and source of pride for all residents of his native country, as well as all Latin Americans and all immigrants to the U.S. from across the globe” and resolves

- “That the House of Representatives congratulates and commends Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs for his amazing accomplishment and thanks him for tearing down barriers for Latinos around the world, for being a role model and an inspiration, and for letting us dream as big as our hearts will allow.”

**Committee Action:** The resolution was introduced on April 10, 2003, and referred to the House Committee on Government Reform. The Committee did not consider the resolution.

**Cost to Taxpayers:** There is no cost to the resolution.

**Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules?:** No.

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**H.R. 1465—General Charles Gabriel Post Office Designation Act (Ballenger)**

**Order of Business:** The bill is scheduled to be considered on Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

**Summary:** H.R. 1465 would designate the Postal Service facility located at 4832 East Highway 27 in Iron Station, North Carolina, as the “General Charles Gabriel Post Office.”

**Additional Background:** General Charles A. Gabriel, who retired in 1986, served as the 11th chief of staff of the U.S. Air Force. A West Point graduate, Gabriel’s first Air Force assignment was to South Korea, where he flew 100 combat missions in F-51s and F-86s and was credited with shooting down two MiG-15s. In July 1970 he was commander of the 432nd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing at Udorn Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand, flying 152 combat missions in F-4s. In the late 1970s, he became deputy commander in

chief, U.S. Forces Korea and deputy commander in chief, United Nations Command, Seoul, South Korea. In April 1979, he returned to Air Force headquarters as deputy chief of staff for operations, plans, and readiness. After being promoted to general in August of 1980, he served as commander in chief, United States Air Forces in Europe, and commander of Allied Air Forces Central Europe at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. In the summer of 1982, he became chief of staff of the U.S. Air Force, until his retirement at the age of 58.

A command pilot with more than 4,200 flying hours, Gabriel's military decorations and awards include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Air Force Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, Distinguished Flying Cross with four oak leaf clusters, Air Medal with 14 oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, Presidential Unit Citation Emblem, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award Ribbon, Republic of Korea Order of National Security Merit (Gugseon Medal) and Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation.

For additional biographical details on General Gabriel, visit this website:

[http://www.af.mil/bios/bio\\_5476.shtml](http://www.af.mil/bios/bio_5476.shtml)

**Committee Action:** The bill was referred to the Committee on Government Reform on March 27, 2003, but was never considered by the Committee.

**Cost to Taxpayers:** The only costs associated with a post office renaming are those for sign and map changes, none of which significantly affect the federal budget.

**Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules?:** No.

**Constitutional Authority:** Though no committee report citing constitutional authority is available, Article I, Section 8, Clause 7 of the Constitution grants Congress the authority to “establish Post Offices and post Roads.”

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## **H.Res. 231 — Supporting the goals and ideals of Peace Officers Memorial Day (Hefley)**

**Order of Business:** The resolution is scheduled for consideration on Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

**Summary:** H.Res. 231 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “(1) supports the goals and ideals of Peace Officers Memorial Day to honor Federal, State, and local peace officers killed or disabled in the line of duty; and
- “(2) calls upon the people of the United States to observe such a day with appropriate ceremonies and respect.”

**Additional Background:** Peace Officers Memorial Day was May 15, as declared by President Bush on May 9. According to the resolution, 147 peace officers were killed in the line of duty in 2002. In addition, every year 1 out of every 9 peace officers is assaulted, 1 out of every 25 peace officers is injured, and 1 out of every 4,400 peace officers is killed in the line of duty. Peace officers include police officers, park police, correctional officers, and others involved in law enforcement.

**Committee Action:** The resolution was referred to the Committee on Government Reform on May 13 but was not considered.

**Cost to Taxpayers:** The resolution authorizes no expenditure.

**Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules?:** No.

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## **H.Con.Res. 172 — Supporting the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual National Tourism Week (Foley)**

**Order of Business:** The resolution is scheduled for consideration on Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

**Summary:** H.Con.Res. 172 resolves that Congress:

“(1) supports National Tourism Week; and

“(2) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States and interested groups to observe National Tourism Week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.”

**Additional Background:** May 10-18 was National Tourism Week. According to the resolution, domestic and international travel in the U.S. generated an estimated \$537.2 billion in expenditures in 2002, supporting more than 7.9 million jobs, and creating more than \$98.7 billion in tax revenue for Federal, State, and local governments.

**Committee Action:** The resolution was referred to the Committee on Government Reform on May 9 but was not considered.

**Cost to Taxpayers:** The resolution authorizes no expenditure.

**Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules?:** No.

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